

PETERSBURG MAN FOUND DEAD IN BED

Thomas E. Prossie, Aged Fifty-Eight Years, Dies at His Home.

FOR DEMONSTRATION WORK

Dinwiddie Supervisors Appropriate Sum of \$300—Other Petersburg News.

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Petersburg, Va., December 17.—Thomas E. Prossie, aged about fifty-eight years, and widely known in the community, was found dead in bed at his home on Grove Avenue this morning. He had been in bad health for some time, though he was not complaining when he retired last night. Heart trouble is supposed to have been the cause of death. Mr. Prossie was never married. He was a man of many good traits of character, and years ago took active part in politics, serving as often as judge of elections that caused his friends to become familiarly known as "Judge." He held at times positions under the city government.

Cutting Anal.
Sterling Connolly, a young white man, formerly in the employment of the city of Petersburg, was arrested last night on a warrant charging him with unlawful cutting. Mr. Connolly had discharged the young man from his position, and this, it is said, brought on the trouble. Connolly received a stab wound in the leg, inflicted with a pocket knife by Connolly. The wound is not serious.

Marriage of Prince George Couple.
Last evening at 6 o'clock, in the parlors of the Market M. E. Church, Rev. George H. Spooner officiating, Miss Rosa B. Moody, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Moody, of Prince George, and Peter L. Cox, a successful young farmer of the same county, were united in marriage. A few friends were present to witness the ceremony. The bride and bridegroom are both well known and popular in their county.

For Demonstration Work.
The Board of Supervisors of Dinwiddie county, at a meeting held yesterday, decided to appropriate the sum of \$300, to be used in farm demonstration work, in connection with a similar amount given for the purpose by the Federal government. Dinwiddie county has shown remarkable progress in the last few years in all lines of development. It is building a system of permanent roads all through the county. It has greatly improved its system of public school education, erected many fine new schoolhouses and prolonged the school sessions. Modern methods of farming have superseded the old system, and everything looks bright and promising in the county.

Prince George county is coming to the front in the same lines of progress and improvements in farming, in road building, in its schools and in the general development of its resources.

Persons and General.
R. U. James has been appointed Petersburg agent of the Norfolk and Petersburg transportation line of steamers, of which Mr. Briggs, of Norfolk, is president. The company has secured the Phillips warehouse here for its accommodations.

The churches, the King's Daughters, the Empty Stomach Club, the Salvation Army and other organizations are arranging for making a glad Christmas for the poor.

F. L. Griffin, of Louisiana, who has been spending a couple of months in Porto Rico, is here to spend the Christmas holidays with her daughter, Miss Flossie Griffin, a student at the Southern Female College.

The board of directors of the Petersburg Savings and Insurance Company has declared a quarterly dividend of 4 1/2 per cent on its capital stock.

Chief E. V. Farley, of the Fire Department, was removed to the Petersburg Hospital yesterday, suffering with internal injuries. His condition today is much improved.

AMUSEMENTS

BIJOU—The Rosary.

"The Rosary." plays a week's engagement at the Bijou Theatre, commencing to-night with usual matinees. It is founded upon an emblem of purity and full of heart interest and made a favorable impression. The stage settings are unique in their way. The first act occurs in a grape arbor, the second and third acts in a charming interior, showing the atmosphere of serene home life, while the fourth act is a new church built by the unbelieving husband for his friend, the priest.

Heavy Loss by Fire.

Hudson, N. Y., December 17.—Fire starting at 4 o'clock this afternoon in the large storehouse of the New York and Hudson River Steamship Company here, burned that building and contents, spread to the Washburn Ice House, which was also destroyed, and to the Hudson Wholesale Grocery Company's buildings, all but one end of which was saved. The total loss is estimated at more than \$200,000.

James River Rising.

There was a slight rise in the James River yesterday due to rain on Friday night and Saturday on the upper watersheds. Though a warning was issued by the Weather Bureau, there was no indication that the waters would become dangerous.

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DR. RENNIE WILL LEAVE NORFOLK

Accepts Call to Pastorate of Church at Greenwood, Miss.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Norfolk, Va., December 17.—After a service of ten years as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church here, Rev. Joseph Rennie, D. D., resigned this morning to accept a call to the pastorate of the First Church at Greenwood, Miss.

An effort probably will be made to combine the First and Second Presbyterian churches, now that both congregations are without a pastor. A similar effort some time ago met with failure.

PRICE OF MEAT MAY DROP

Chicago Packingtown Sees Quick Reduction.

Chicago, December 17.—A probable reduction in the retail price of all kinds of fresh meat is being discussed to-day in Packingtown as a result of the action of the English government in barring the men who are under indictment for violation of the criminal section of the Sherman antitrust act from bidding on contracts for British army canned meat supplies.

Will this have an immediate effect upon the price of meats in Chicago? This question was asked of the Armour, Swift and Morris concerns.

At Mr. Armour's office it was said he had gone to Lake Forest and would not return until Monday. Edward Morris also was absent from his office and Louis F. Swift was at his Lake county farm.

But generally throughout the yards employees of the big packing firms said the effect of the English government's action would be to lower the values of cattle on the hoof, and that this would have its reflection in the retail price of beef.

The farmers will have to bear the expense. Meats will be cheaper, and the producers naturally are the ones who will have to suffer, said one man connected with one of the large concerns.

FORTUNE IS LEFT TO POOR COUPLE

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

Enrol, Tenn., December 17.—W. H. Shugart and wife, of Newbern, East Tennessee, whose lives have been spent thus far in a humble cottage, erected upon land reclaimed from a frog pond, have suddenly become the first millionaires of the prosperous mountain region, where they have lived in their unpretentious way ever since the Civil War.

"Colonel" Shugart, as the aged husband had been known locally for many years, is one of the odd characters of the town. He wears long, flowing locks of gray hair that cover his shoulders and extend down his back. He and his wife, always good neighbors, have been among the poorer people of the community, but by a sudden stroke of good fortune, they are now worth more than \$2,000,000, more than \$1,000,000 of the amount having been paid them in cash.

"Colonel" Shugart, during the early summer of the present year, received \$2,000 by the death of a brother in Texas, and is to receive \$750,000 more when the estate of his late brother is wound up.

But Mrs. Shugart has been more fortunate. From the estate of Chaska Jane Bogardus, who died four years ago in Holland, she has received \$1,000,000, and has been officially advised that next July another \$1,000,000 will be paid her. The Bogardus estate is valued at \$8,000,000, and Mrs. Shugart is one of a number of heirs.

Neighbors of the aged couple say that this streak of good fortune has not changed their mode of living in any material way. They are still clinging to the little cottage in which they spent many happy years in comparative poverty, and their neighbors and friends are welcomed with the same old cordial smiles that greeted them in other days.

It is stated that the first million received by Mrs. Shugart has been invested in Panama Canal bonds.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

Annual Meeting of Orange Horsemen's Association.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Charlottesville, Va., December 17.—The Orange Horsemen's Association at its annual meeting elected officers for the ensuing year as follows: William du Pont, president; George T. Marshall, first vice-president; Thomas Atkinson, second vice-president; Dr. L. S. Ricketts, secretary and treasurer; Board of Directors—C. C. Tallaferris, Sr., W. C. Williams, W. W. Sanford, Sr., R. D. Browning, V. R. Shackelford, G. W. Moore, Jr., H. O. Linc and John T. Lightfoot.

The treasurer's report for the season of 1911 showed receipts amounting to \$15,425.55; disbursements, \$1,697; balance on hand, \$13,728.55.

Baseball.

Havana, December 17.—New York Nationals, 4; Havana, 1.

HUNTERS ADDED TO MORRIS STABLE

Expected to Figure Prominently on Virginia Circuit Next Summer

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

Charlottesville, Va., December 17.—John Morris, of "The Oaks," this morning the wizard of the Virginia horse show ring and a consistent winner at the big Northern shows, has purchased three hunters, which promise to figure prominently on the Virginia circuit next summer.

From Richard Wallace, of Warrenton, he purchased a brown mare by Mince Meat, a noted race-horse. She is six years old and sixteen hands high, and Mr. Morris regards her as the greatest jumping green horse he has ever seen, with the exception of David Gray, of the Morris stables, a winner at the Olympic Show in London. He has named her Merry Christmas, and intends to show her for the first time at the Atlantic City Horse Show during Easter week.

His second purchase was a brown gelding from William Skinner, of The Plains, Fauquier county. He is three years old and stands 16.2. In the opinion of Mr. Morris he will make as good a heavyweight as Tacoma, also of the Morris stables. He has been given the name of Sweet William.

From Ernest Redmond, of Fauquier county, he purchased a three-year-old black gelding, sixteen hands high. He is a midweight hunter of such promise. He has been named Overton.

These three hunters will, in a way, take the place of the quarter recently disposed of by Mr. Morris at auction and private sale.

DECIDING GAME IS NOT PLAYED

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

Raleigh, N. C., December 17.—The class football championship for 1911 will have to remain undecided as the Juniors, after defeating the Sophomores in a Saturday game, 6 to 0, tied the Freshmen, 0 to 0, in the first part of the week, and owing to final examinations a deciding game could not be played.

The number of students at A. and M. is not diminishing for the holidays, which, by the catalogue, start next Wednesday, the 20th, and last until January 3. But those who have made an average during the fall term of 90 per cent, or more on a subject are exempt from the final examination on that subject, and as many made this high average on all of their work, the exodus has been going on for the past week, ever since the commencement of the finals.

MACGREGOR RESIGNS

Secretary of U. C. T. Forced to Act by Removal From City.

A business arrangement which will compel his future residence in Lynchburg caused Secretary D. D. MacGregor, of Richmond Council 159, United Commercial Travelers of America, to hand in his resignation at the regular meeting of that body on Saturday night. In accepting his resignation the council attested its deep appreciation of the services rendered by Mr. MacGregor during his three years' occupancy of the office by presenting him with a beautiful silver loving cup.

The token was presented with a suitable speech by C. Aubrey Spence. Following initiation of new members and the transaction of routine business, Thomas S. Gibbons, of this city, was elected secretary.

DINNER TO UNDERWOOD

Congressman to Be Entertained at Commonwealth Club Next Week.

Representative Oscar W. Underwood, leader of the Democratic majority on the floor of the House of Representatives, and a presidential possibility, will be the guest of honor at a dinner at the Commonwealth Club on the evening of December 26. The host will be Mr. Patterson, a relative of the distinguished Alabama politician. Invitations have been sent to a number of Mr. Patterson's friends.

The boom for Mr. Underwood's nomination has recently attained considerable proportions. In the belief on the part of the Commonwealth Club that he has come for the election of a Southern man. Then, too, within the past day or two he has received many endorsements because of his vote in opposition to the bill increasing the pensions of Union veterans.

GET TICKETS NOW

Cards for Memorial Service Cannot Be Held Much Longer.

Tickets for the admittance of descendants of victims of the Richmond Theatre disaster, to the hundredth anniversary memorial service, will be held for them only a day or two longer. The demand for admittance to this service, which will be held at Monumental Episcopal church, on the site of the theatre, has been great. The time has come to care for some of the applicants.

Bishop Gibson will be in charge of the services, a portion of which will be held about the monument in the portion of the church, which covers the single grave of the seventy-four victims of the fire of December 26, 1911, in which the Governor of Virginia and many distinguished men and women of that day lost their lives.

HOLD UP MAN IN SKYSCRAPER

Brilliantly Lighted Corridor No Bar to Crime in Chicago.

Chicago, December 17.—Walter Herz left his office on the fifth floor of a Michigan Avenue skyscraper and started down a brilliantly-lighted corridor. He had proceeded only a few steps when two men approached him, presented revolvers to his head and asked for his money. They left him mourning the loss of \$4.

The "corridor men" have not been captured.

Virginia Welcomes Nationals.

Charlottesville, Va., December 17.—The board of faculty advisers of the University of Virginia has acted favorably in regard to a request from the Washington baseball team for the use of Lambeth Field for the spring training trip. Manager Clark Griffith is expected here within the next two weeks to complete arrangements.

Men Who Will Lead College Football Teams Through Next Campaign.

Adrian (Mich.) College	Efton James	End
Albion (Mich.) College	William Funk	Halfback
Alma (Mich.) College	Robert E. Lee	Quarterback
Amherst (Mass.) College	Bartholomew J. Connolly	Halfback
Auburn (Ga.) College	John P. Major	Halfback
Baker (Neb.) University	Earl Capps	End
Bellevue (Kan.) College	Charles Henderson	End
Beloit (Wis.) College	George A. Dahlgren	Tackle
Bowling Green (Ohio) College	Philip S. Wood	Tackle
Brown (Ill.) University	Russell Ashbaugh	End
Case (Ohio) University	Elmer Frayne	End
Carleton (Pa.) Indian School	James Thorpe	Halfback
City (Md.) College	John Heise	End
Connecticut (Conn.) College	Robert E. Lee	Halfback
Clemson (S. C.) College	William B. Britt	End
Colgate (N. Y.) University	Rosecoe C. Cook	Guard
Cornell (N. Y.) University	Edward W. Butler	Halfback
Cornell (Neb.) College	Charles Hopkins	End
Craigton (Neb.) College	Ray L. Bennett	Guard
Dartmouth (N. H.) College	Francis A. Dunn	Halfback
Dickinson (Pa.) College	Harold Lansing	Quarterback
Duquesne (Pa.) University	Thobias Lueger	Halfback
Gallatin (D. C.) College	Henry Batiste	End
Georgetown University	John Hegarty	End
Georgia Tech.	Hugh Leubman	Guard
Hamilton (N. Y.) College	Donald E. Stone	Halfback
Haverford (Pa.) College	W. C. Longstreth	Halfback
Holy Cross (Mass.) College	Frank H. O'Leary	End
Iowa Teachers' College	Thomas Anderson	End
Jones Hopkins (Md.) University	George Gillet	End
Kennan State Normal	W. P. White	Halfback
Knox (Ill.) College	F. Lane Rorabaugh	Halfback
Lafayette (Pa.) College	Frank Hartman	Halfback
Louisiana State University	Scott McClelland	Halfback
Maryland Aggies	Frank Hofferker	Halfback
Marquette (Conn.) College	Eugene Simmons	End
Merced (Cal.) University	William R. Smith	Halfback
Michigan Aggies	George Ozz	Halfback
Monmouth (Ill.) College	W. H. Flannery	Halfback
Mount Union (Ohio) College	Andrew Johnson	End
Northwestern (Ill.) University	Duffey Seny	Quarterback
Occidental (Cal.) College	Louis A. Stinson	Halfback
Ohio Wesleyan University	Clyde Gibson	Halfback
Olivet (Mich.) College	George Wehner	Halfback
Penn. State University	David Larson	Halfback
Princeton (N. J.) University	J. Lester Maunth	Quarterback
Randolph-Macon (Va.) College	Paul Ives	Quarterback
Rhode Island College	Albert Choute	Halfback
Springfield (Conn.) College	Carl Schmidt	Quarterback
Tufts (Mass.) College	Daniel J. Kelly	Halfback
Trinity (Conn.) College	Harry Weber	Halfback
Union (N. Y.) College	Charles C. Collett	Halfback
University of Alabama	Tony Standherr	Guard
University of Cincinnati	James Devey	Guard
University of Denver	Parley Moody	Quarterback
University of Georgia	Lawrence Whiting	Halfback
University of Illinois	Robert E. Lee	Halfback
University of Indiana	R. R. J. Schroeder	Guard
University of Iowa	Daniel Pennek	Guard
University of Michigan	Walter H. Woodston	Halfback
University of Minnesota	H. D. Hanson	Guard
University of Missouri	Harold Brownlee	End
University of Nebraska	Clarence P. Lendire	Halfback
University of Pennsylvania	Dean H. Walker	Halfback
University of South Carolina	Gray Meyer	Halfback
University of Syracuse	Alfred von Kolnitz	Halfback
University of Virginia	Jeaks Gillem	End
University of Wisconsin	Walter H. Woodston	Halfback
United States Military Academy	T. Hardy Todd	Tackle
United States Naval Academy	Joseph M. Hoeftel	End
Vanderbilt University	Leand Devore	Tackle
Wash.-Jefferson (Pa.) College	P. R. Hoot	Halfback
Westminster (Mo.) College	Levie Hardase	Tackle
Whitman (Wash.) College	Ployd Craig	Centre
Williams (Mass.) College	Robert M. Hamilton	Halfback
Wooner (Ohio) University	Stanley M. Nichols	Halfback
Yale University	John Maurer	Halfback
	Jesse Spaulding	Halfback

UNIVERSITY WILL HONOR WAR VETERANS

Committee Appointed to Make Up List of Survivors of Student Volunteers in Confederate Army, to Receive Fitting Tribute From Virginia Institution.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Charlottesville, Va., December 17.—The University of Virginia is planning to honor the survivors of those student volunteers who left the quiet walks of academic life and the classroom at the outbreak of the Civil War for the Confederate forces and the hardships of the war.

Pursuant to a suggestion made by President Alderman in his speech at the alumni luncheon last June, committees have been appointed to make up a list of the survivors of the student volunteers and to work out a plan for bestowing upon these veterans a befitting tribute.

President Alderman wants to know from any possible source the name and address of one or more of the volunteers who are now living. The few survivors are very widely scattered, but every effort will be made to locate all of them.

Two or three institutions, in carrying out a plan similar to this, have conferred upon the veterans called back at commencement time the degrees which they were candidates for when they enlisted in the Confederate army.

President Alderman feels, however, that something different should be done in the case of the survivors of the university volunteers. The university will call back the survivors and express to them its love and appreciation of their services, and will do this in an appropriate and gracious way. The exercises will be held next June in connection with commencement.

Pari Played by Students.
John S. Patton, librarian of the university, has compiled, in a little monograph, notes about the part the University of Virginia students took in the Civil War. Mr. Patton includes a sketch by W. W. Old, of the stirring events on the campus in the days of 1860-'61. Early in November, 1860, two military companies were formed at the university among the students, and in February, 1861, they were organized, officers and uniforms.

A writer of the period stated in the university magazine: "Every afternoon the lawn presents quite a busy appearance. Numbers of spectators assemble to witness the skill of the uninitiated students in going through the manual and performing evolutions promptly at the word of command."

These companies were both commanded by graduates of the Virginia Military Institute. The first was called the "Southern Guard," and the second, "The Sons of Liberty." In April, 1861, both companies left for Harper's Ferry to take possession of the arsenal and other public property. After a service of several weeks, at the request of Professor Maupin, then chairman of the faculty, these student volunteers were returned to the university. The companies were then disbanded and the students returned to their class rooms, but not for long. Many of them left before the end of the session, and in the following fall they were joined by many more who entered the Confederate army and performed gallant and distinguished service. Some of them won places in the annals of history for all time as, for example, Colonel William J. Pegram and Colonel A. S. Pendleton.

Another company was organized at the university in May, 1861. This was known as the "University Volunteers." This company left Charlottesville July 4, 1861, and joined General Henry A. Wise's command in West Virginia.

While on Sewell Mountain, some time after the volunteers had been in action, a Confederate General, Robert E. Lee, visited the company and thrilled the young men by his splendid appearance and his soldierly bearing. After having many thrilling experiences, being under fire and enduring hardships of the most sort, the student company was returned to Charlottesville January 13, 1862, and formally mustered out. Immediately, however, every member left to rejoin the Confederate forces.

AMERICAN BEEF ALL RIGHT

British War Office Influenced Only by Trial of the Packers.

London, December 17.—The British War Office declared that the notice served by the war office upon agents of American meat packing firms that they would not be invited to tender bids for supplies for the British army while the cases against certain packers are pending in the United States courts was not due to any question of the quality of the American goods or to the manner of packing.

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MR. BARNES NOT TO MEET MR. TAFT

Absence of State Chairman During President's Visit Causes Comment.

TO SEE OTHER LEADERS

New York City Republicans Insist That Party Must Tender Renomination Next Year.

New York, December 17.—President Taft will confer with Republican State leaders, it was announced yesterday, when he comes to New York next Wednesday. It was stated that nearly all of the important Republican leaders will meet the President in the conference, but it is not expected that Mr. Taft will take sides in the factional disputes in the State organization.

William Barnes, Jr., chairman of the State Committee, probably will not attend the dinner of the Young Men's Republican Club, which the President is to attend. This is a new organization, and the members are said to be anxious to see the President. The club has invited Mr. Barnes to attend its first dinner.

Following several long conferences with his friends, the State chairman started for Albany yesterday afternoon, but he was held up by a heavy snowstorm. It was understood that Mr. Barnes might return to New York on Wednesday, but it is "impossible" to get here early enough on Wednesday to attend the dinner.

Expect Developments.
The President will be at the gathering of the Republican leaders for only a short time, so he has several engagements to keep and the hour for his speaking has not been announced. Politicians are watching the dinner with keen interest, the importance of the occasion being emphasized by the recent defeat in Washington, when William L. Ward, of Westchester, one of the State chairman's closest advisers, declined an invitation from the White House because he could not "stay out late nights."

Samuel S. Keenig and the other New York leaders are waiting for conferences with Mr. Barnes when he returns. The New York organization demands to know exactly where the State chairman stands on the question of the President's renomination, and what plans he entertains regarding the organization program.

The city organizations are lined up almost without a break in any district for the renomination of Mr. Taft, and are firm in their determination that the State delegation to the next National Convention shall be a solid Taft delegation. The New York men do not propose to let the situation drift, nor will they permit the Old Guard faction to dicker on behalf of the State Committee without knowing the inside negotiations.

Prepared to act without delay if a contest is necessary to sustain their position, the local leaders are waiting the outcome of the conferences this week before forming a definite program. If the State chairman meets the demands of the New York organization the State Committee will work in harmony. The former record was a defeat and declines to take a position favoring the Taft administration. It is regarded as settled that a bitter fight will ensue.

Speakers announced for the Republican dinner, in addition to the President, are Senator Borah, of Idaho, Mr. Elmer Brown, chancellor of the University, and Herbert Parsons. Mr. Taft accepted the invitation several weeks ago.

New Lung Test Record.
Seattle, Wash., December 17.—"World's Champion Wind-Jammer" is the title accorded to Harry S. Knox, a fifteen-year-old student of the University of Washington, who has broken all records in lung tests by blowing 123 cubic inches on the gymnasium blower. The former record was 100 cubic inches, and the average 23.1. Knox is six feet three inches tall and weighs 157 pounds.

PI MU MEETING.
National Chapter of Fraternity Begins Convention on Friday.